

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 6, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Council President Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, Aaron Gurley, and Nick Culley, Youth Liaison, answered roll call.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Congratulations to the new 7th grade basketball Coach Gurley.
2. Sheehan and the Mayor traveled to Seymour to have discussion and give tips on programs that we have done, such as our intern program.
3. Discussed a wage study and job descriptions with the Utility Board.
4. Was sorry to learn of the passing of Ed Dickson.
5. Johnny Wood retired from the Street Department
6. Toured the old and new animal shelters and Booker T.
7. Have had multiple conversations with the Fire Department involving staffing and their business plan.
8. The new culvert is being assembled up by the high school.
9. We have received the results of a study for a pedestrian bridge out by the Laker building to the old trestle. Not sure if we will be moving forward with this project.
10. Friday we will give a presentation at Randolph County and their Live to Lead Program.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that the budget ordinance on tonight's agenda reflects a cut from the original budget of \$148,054.00 in the general fund. We will also be considering a reduction of the 2020 general fund by \$233,580.00.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sheehan Quarterly Report –**
 - Presented handouts of the Overlook, and Morgan Street project.
 - We have added some new communication avenues. They are Comcate and the *Rushville Recorder*.
 - We are close to the final stages of the Stellar projects.
 - Fish Moon is planning to open the inside after brew fest.
 - We are waiting for installation of Duke lighting, benches, trash cans, and historic signage for the Morgan Street Corridor.
 - We have applied for \$196,555.00 in Covid-19 funding through the Cares Act.
 - The interns helped us with the \$57,000.00 Covid gift card program. They also helped with the \$250,000.00 of Covid funding that was distributed to local businesses.
 - Housing – Two apartment buildings are up. They are working on the roads.
 - We are working with the developer on the Washington Street extension.
 - We are working with Ara on the Havens building. We are hoping this will become a smaller version of the Windsor.
 - CCMG- Phase 1 of 8th Street is wrapping up. Phase II has also begun.
 - We will receive federal highway dollars in the amount of \$532,000.00 to replace safety signage.
 - Animal shelter – We are working on the final transition to finish out the new shelter.
 - Community Center – We are working with the Foundation for a possible community center at the former Wal-Mart site.
 - We are reviewing a rough draft of the comp plan.
 - The interns were very busy this year on several projects. Nick Culley is our new youth Council representative.
 - We have done some leadership training for Department Heads and there is more planned.
 - We continue to help promote economic development.
 - Sheehan will be the Chairman for the City's Bicentennial project 2022.
 - Many communities have reached out to us regarding leading the way opportunities.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Due to the Covid-19 concerts and activities were put on hold.
- **APC/BZA** – Clark informed Council that McCormick's on South Harrison have decided to appeal their case to the Supreme Court.
- **Housing** – Discussed.
- **ECDC** – Addressed later in the meeting.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Addressed later in the meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Utility – Day reported that the manganese levels are now very low. The Waste Water plant has had some issues with phosphorous levels.

Park – Director Burklow reminded everyone of the CJD labyrinth dedication Sunday at 2:00. Channel 13 will be there.

Police – Chief Tucker is putting together Halloween guidelines. They should be announced later this week.

Animal – Tomorrow the State Board of Health will be down to inspect all of the animals.

Code Enforcement – Jenkins passed out a Comcate report for September.

Street – 25 dumpsters were filled during heavy trash week. This is the average.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Berkemeier asked the status on the remaining light on Baker Street. Pavey said it appears they don't want it since he has attempted to contact them several times and has received no response.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program – 1900 N Main 30 day delay** – Sheehan continues working on this.
2. **Diversity and Inclusion Council**
1st Official Meeting – Councilman Marzon reported that they had a meeting 10 days ago. There was very good discussion. He thanked Chief Tucker for sharing with the citizens.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Street Re-Naming Request to change name of 15th Street – Veteran's Way
Veteran's Blvd**

Brad Hatfield and Shawn Grocox, officers of the local VFW, came to ask Council to consider renaming 15th Street for our veterans. They thought this would be a good way to show our veterans pride. They suggested Veteran's Way, Blvd, or Parkway. Council agreed and asked to set the matter for a public hearing.

2. **Budget Update:**

- a. **2021 Budget Cuts General Fund \$233,580.00 – Ordinance 2020-18 Adoption of Budget for 2021** – Gurley moved to approve Ordinance 2020-18. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2020-40 Reduction in Spending General Fund** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-41. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- c. **MVH** – Still Reviewing for cuts.
- d. **Resolution 2020-41 Temporary Loan to General** – Marzon moved to approve Resolution 2020-41. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- e. **Ordinance 2020-19 – 2021 Salary Ordinance; Ordinance 2020-20 – Elected Officials Salary Ordinance** – For review to be passed at the next meeting.

3. Planning & Zoning:

- a. **Ordinance 2020-22 Amend Zoning Ordinance (Typos and Clarification)** – Marzon moved to approve Ordinance 2020-22 as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. **Ordinance 2020-23 Amend Subdivision Control Ordinance (Typos and Clarification)** – Gurley moved to approve Ordinance 2020-23. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. **Ordinance 2020-24 Amend Subdivision Ordinance (Administrative Ordinance)** –Marzon moved to approve Ordinance 2020-25. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Considering of Resolution Approving to Amendment Lease (Debt Payment 181): Jason Semlar from Baker Tilly, explained that the final payment on our current bond is due in January and this will keep the old one in place. It will be for 1.5M for capital projects. It does not impact our current budget. The tax rate will remain the same.

- a. **Approval of Formal Amendment to Lease** – Berkemeier moved to approve the formal amendment to the lease. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Approval of Issuance of Bonds for Transaction-
- c. **Resolution 2020-42 Official Intent to Undertake Financing** –Marzon moved to approve Resolution 2020-42. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- d. Timetable for project (Targeted closing December 1, 2020 –

5. Property: Resolution 2020-30 Sale of Property – This property is off of Cerre Gordo. The owners that the property butts up against wants to purchase this portion of property. The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation to sell. The property has no value to the City. (It is actually Market Street per Beacon). Newhouse said a title search doesn't say who owns the property. Bridges said he thought the property was vacated. Newhouse said the N-S alley was vacated. The property in question is the E-W portion. Miller said the City has been mowing this property for quite some time. Berkemeier moved to table. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Protest Guidelines: The ordinances are being reviewed.

- a. Ordinance 2020--25 Noise Control
- b. Ordinance 2020-26 Special Events

7. Letter of Support – FAST ACT Transportation Grant Fund Application – Bridges said Council understands the letter of support for the FAST ACT Transportation Grant Fund

Application and moved to approve the letter of support for Phase III of Cherry Street. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rushville Industrial Corridor Initiative

Phase III CR 200 N (From SR 3 E approximate 1,000 feet)

8. **ECDC Strategic Plan** – Mayor Pavey stated that we are advising that the plan be updated. There will be a meeting tomorrow for discussion.

COVID-19 – Governor’s Stage 5.0 (9/26-10/17)

Face Coverings Required –

Public Health Emergency –

Libations by the Levee – This is a go for this weekend. It has been discussed with the Health Department. Social distancing will be restricted.

CLAIMS APPROVAL AND AUGUST 2020 BANK RECONCILIATION – Daubenspeck moved to approve the claims and August 2020 bank reconciliation as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Chief Munson said 5 of his men received EMT training and 2 have passed. They are waiting on the results for the other three.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Daubenspeck moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.